



## Connections Newsletter

### Do Justice Conference Workshops

#### White Supremacy Distorted the Biblical Narrative Workshop

Dr. Karen McKinney, Biblical Studies professor at Bethel University taught how the Anglo-Saxon Myth was born and how it impacted America's grand narrative.

Dr. McKinney dug deep into **four Biblical distortions used to propagate white supremacy ideology**, and the construction of Whiteness.

Plus Dr. McKinney offered **actions steps for the oppressors and the oppressed**.



#### Just Church Workshop

Pastor David Myles of New Hope Church and Christopher Brooks of MERGE Twin Cities spoke on the **Biblical foundations for being a church for all peoples**.

How we can be committed to fulfilling the Great Commission while also leading change in places of need, where the Lord has called us.

Myles opened with the **Biblical mandate of why we are doing this for all people** and Brooks finished with **specific strategies for realizing this mandate**.



#### What It Means to "Be In Christ" Workshop

Dr. Kenneth Young, a systematic theologian at UNWSP, presented a compelling workshop that took an **anthropological and sociological approach to looking at how the body of Christ is made up**.

And **what the body of Christ looks like when it is functioning for all people**.



Plus a **summary of Bryan Stevenson's keynote addresses** at the **Do Justice Conference** presented by Transform Minnesota on November 8, and **An Evening with Bryan Stevenson** later that evening at Christ Presbyterian Church.

## Four Common Mistakes in Succession Planning

On November 15, Natalie Ackerman presented at our Succession Roadmapping training. There she shared the importance of making sure every person in your organization is prepared to transition to a place of greater leadership and responsibility when a leader is replaced.

Learn the **four common mistakes in leadership succession planning**.

Plus the **top questions to ask yourself** about your organization's succession plan. And the **top questions to ask others** when looking at their leadership potential.



## Transform Minnesota Events



**Get IT Secure**  
**Jan. 16, 9-11am**  
**Transform Minnesota**

**Are You Cyber Secure? Protect Yourself from Data Hacks.**

The training will discuss how to avoid ransomware and malware; and how to implement solid security policies and employee training to protect your organization.



**Engaging Generations Through Generosity**  
**Jan. 22, 9am-12pm**  
**Transform Minnesota**

**An Interactive Workshop Experience for Church Leaders.**

This training provides insight into how Christians really feel about generosity, and ways to disciple and engage all generations through generosity.



**Dismantling Racism | North Metro**  
**Jan. 24, 9am-12pm**  
**Mercy Vineyard Church, Minneapolis**

**Help the Church recognize racial bias, reorient our hearts, and reconcile communities to Christ and each other.**

This training is with Dr. Ruben Rivera.

**God, Sex and Culture**  
an evening with  
**Sy Rogers**

Transform Minnesota substance



**God, Sex and the Church**  
leadership conference  
with **Sy Rogers**

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**God, Sex, and Culture**  
**Feb. 24, 6-8pm**

**God, Sex, and the Church**  
**Feb. 25, 10am-3pm**

## Substance Downtown Campus

### An Evening with Sy Rogers

This evening forum is free and open to the public. Sy Rogers is a leading voice regarding sexuality, cultural themes and God's character.

## Substance Northtown Campus

### Leadership Conference with Sy Rogers

Registration is Now Open! This daytime leadership conference will offer practical, proven insights for pastors and youth leaders.



### Grow Leadership Conference March 9, 9am-3pm Heritage Church, Baxter

#### Developing Thriving Rural Churches.

The Grow Leadership Conference will encourage pastors and board members in the unique role they play in the Kingdom of God, and will provide information on ministering effectively to impact their communities.



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## Community Calendar

- **December 22 The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year**, Stillwater
- **February 15-16 MC2 Midwest Conference on Missionary Care**, New Hope Church, New Hope
- **February 21 UNITE National Day of Prayer Pastors and Leaders Summit**, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina

Does your church, ministry or organization have an upcoming event?  
If so, submit your event [here](#).

## Job Openings

### Accounts Payable Associate, Transform Minnesota

Transform Minnesota is looking for a part-time Accounts Payable Associate for our Richfield Headquarters office. This position is responsible for accurate recording, processing and reconciling of accounts payable invoices for Transform Minnesota and the affiliate ministries; Arrive Ministries, Damascus Way and New Life Family Services.

### Cafe Barista, Westwood Community Church

To support the Café by preparing and serving customer orders, along with assisting the Food Services Manager with employee/volunteer supervision.

### HR Specialist Payroll and Benefits, Westwood Community Church

The Payroll and Benefit Specialist administers the activities relating to the church's

payroll, benefits and HRIS processing including developing, implementing, and monitoring audit and control processes to ensure wage, benefit deductions and taxes are accurate.

### **Parish Administrator, St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

The Parish Administrator provides hospitality for members and visitors, ensures smooth and efficient execution of key church functions/ministries, and is a central source of knowledge and communication.

### **Senior Pastor, Sanctuary Covenant Church**

The congregation of Sanctuary Covenant Church desires a faith-based, transparent, highly ethical Senior Pastor that will follow God's direction and share Word based teachings that nurtures our spiritual growth, enables us to consistently live out the kingdom's values, and fully operate using our spheres of influence.

### **Worship Director, Trinity Lutheran of Minnehaha Falls**

We are looking for a worship director to lead contemporary services for a lively and growing church in South Minneapolis.

### **Let Us Post Your Job Openings!**

Transform Minnesota is happy to include job postings of our network partners in our next Connections eNewsletter.



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